

Suggested Questions for Panel Discussion with the Delta Protection Commission Panel (Local Elected Members)

1. What aspects of Delta water quality rise to the top of priorities of concern for your city/county?

Issues often discussed: salinity, mercury, secure supply for ag, urban.

2. Are there regional watershed aspects that should be recognized in order to address Delta water quality and potential flooding issues?

Issues often discussed: Generally impacts to lower watershed from upper watershed (even out of Delta). Specifically, Lower Yolo Bypass impacts to Rio Vista and Solano County.

3. Is your city/county developing a local Habitat Conservation Plan or has one been adopted? Does it include fish species? Do you see opportunities for local conservation planning efforts to benefit from the development and adoption of a Bay Delta Conservation Plan?

Issues often discussed: SJ and CCC plans have been adopted. Solano County has not participated in a plan but the cities within the county and the water agency are working on a plan. SJ and Solano include fish species. All have been participating in facilitated discussions with Karen Scarborough to establish rapport and communication.

4. How is the Delta recognized, if at all, in your county/city's land use decisions? How have other mandates, such as the Delta Protection Act, influenced your city/county's land use decisions? For those of you going through general plan updates, do you see the potential for the Delta to be increasingly recognized in land use decisions?

Issues often discussed: Discussion about primary and secondary zone; historical authorizations as opposed to post Delta Protection Act; etc.

5. Is the economic viability of the Delta of significance to your county/city's economic development goals and objectives?

Issues often discussed: Ag and eco-tourism; recognition of legacy towns.

6. What do you envision as an effective governance structure for the Delta, if at all? Do you envision an enhanced Delta Protection Commission (or equivalent) or something new?